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Fiftieth Anniversary Ceremonial of Zorah Temple

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TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

MAY 9, 1959

ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE

DR. JOSEPH C. MINNIS

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Potentate's Message

Fifty years ago a group of sturdy select men, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, residing in Terre Haute or nearby, were desirous of being more closely bound in ties of friendship, fraternity and brotherhood, and having the best interest of the Shrine in their hearts, and for other good reasons, petitioned the Imperial Council for dipensation for Zorah Temple. Their prayers were granted, and Zorah Temple became a glorious reality. To these Nobles we owe an everlasting debt of appreciation and gratitude. Some of these elder statesmen of Shrinedom are still living and can see the results of their years of hard work, tenacity of purpose, through good times and bad. We salute and congratulate them.

May this Golden 50th Anniversary Ceremonial be a day of rejoicing and rededication, and may peace and prosperity be unto Zorah Temple forever.

Yours in the Faith,

Joseph C. Minnis

Potentate.

SILENCE

Terre Haute, Dec. 11th, 1888.

We the undersigned, members of Murat Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, residing in Terre Haute, agree to attend a meeting to be held at the Reception room of Terre Haute Commandery No. 16, K. T., Sunday Morning next at Eleven (11) o'clock—Dec. 16th, 1888—for the purpose of forming an Association of the local Nobles. Please sign and check your name and immediately hand this paper to some Noble not checked.

Geo. E .Farrington
John W. Cruft
Eniard Gilbert
C. M. Daggert
John R. Hager
Jacob C. Kolsum
J. D. Early
L. S. Briggs
John G. Shoyer
Thaddeus S. Moore
W. T. Beauchamp
Jos. H. Briggs
Jno. G. Williams
Robert Taggart
M. N. Smith
H. H. Bondinot
N. K. Elliott
T. C. Cleaver
Wm. E. Perryman
B. G. Hudnut

POTENTATES OF ZORAH TEMPLE

1909 Fred C. Goldsmith
1910 Fred C. Goldsmith
1911 Fred C. Goldsmith
1912 Will W. Adamson
1913 Ed F. Leever
1914 Hal H. Dronberger
1915 Fank F. Hager
1916 John W. Parks
1917 Jay O. Schultz
1918 Jay O. Schultz
1919 John C. Warren
1920 John R. Harkness
1921 Thomas T. McCoy
1922 William P. Montgomery
1923 Conrad J. Herber
1924 Harry E. Dees
1925 John S. Heppner
1926 Robert H. Britton
1927 Jay Short
1928 Ralph C. Everson
1929 Clarence E. Marlar
1930 Alfred E. Rhein
1931 Dr. M. R. Combs
1932 William L. White
1933 A. L. Miller
1934 Ross C. Harriott
1935 Charles A. Andrews
1936 Clarence P. Sousley
1937 J. Arthur Boyer
1938 Roy Parker
1939 James L. Fortune
1940 Carl W. Belles
1941 Clarence R. White
1942 Fred E. Nicolai
1943 Otto Jensen
1944 Jess W. Dennis
1945 Louis R. Hilleary
1946 Jack Slaven
1947 Carl F. Barriader
1948 Maxwell S. Johnson
1949 John D. Kenlay
1950 A. D. Rhoads
1951 A. Ray Miles
1952 George E. Martin
1953 J. Ralph Peters
1954 Timothy I. Colwell
1955 Guy P. Shickel
1956 Hoyt W. Earle
1957 Edward E. Buckingham
1958 Paul C. Rust
1959 Dr. Joseph C. Minnis

RECORDERS OF ZORAH TEMPLE

1909-1912 Jay O. Schultz
1913-1929 Charles G. Reynolds
1930- Henry Meyer
1931-1938 Clarence E. Marlar
1939-1949 Charles G. Reynolds
1950-1959 Harry E. Briggs

Zorah Temple History

On Sundoy morning, December 16th, 1888, a group of seventeen members of Murat Temple, residing in Terre Haute, met in the Asylum of the Terre Haute Commandery No. 16 Knights Templar, then located at 7th and Wabash on the third floor of the McKeen building and formed an organization known as the Terre Haute Shrine Club. This club became very active in Shrinedom for twenty years.

In the year 1907, the Shrine Club decided to petition the Imperial Council for a Temple in Terre Haute. The name ZORAH was submitted by Noble Charles Balch and was selected and entered on the petition to the Imperial Council. Zorah is the name of a town fourteen miles from Jerusalem and was known in the early days of the religious wars as a place of Hornets.

The petition was prepared and presented at the Imperial Council Session at St. Paul, Minnesota in 1908. The petition was denied. The petition was again presented in 1909, at the Imperial Council Session at Louisville, Ky., and a dispensation was granted on June 9th for the creation of Zorah Temple. The following year 1910 April 13th, at New Orleans, the Imperial Council granted a charter and Zorah Temple became the 120th Temple.

The following officers were named in the dispensation by the Imperial Council in the charter in 1910:

Potentate	Fred C. Goldsmith
Chief Rabban	Will W. Adamson
Assistant Rabban	Ed F. Leever
Treasurer	Nicholas A. Smith
Recorder	Jay O. Shultz

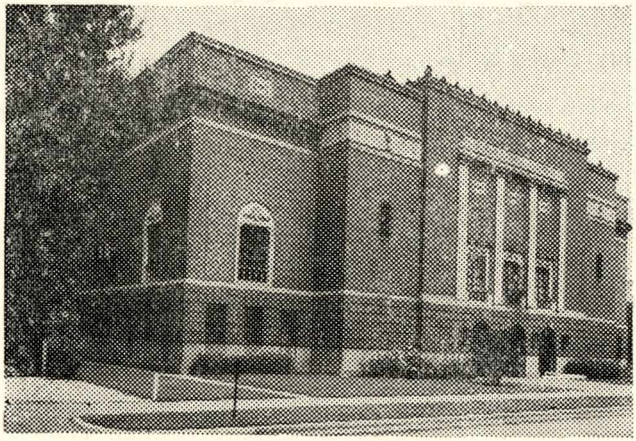
Zorah Temple was instituted, however, on July 1, 1909 under the dispensation. The ceremonies took place in the Asylum of the Terre Haute Commandery in the afternoon and was conducted by several Imperial Council Officers. The first ceremonial was held immediately afterward in the Knights of Columbus Hall at 9th and Ohio Streets. The ritualistic work was conducted by the Divan from Murat Temple together with Zorah's newly created Divan. Following the ceremonial an elaborate dinner was served in the banquet room of the Terre Haute Commandery.

After the charter was granted in 1910 and Zorah actually and legally became a Temple, the old Christian Church property on Mulberry Street between Sixth and Seventh Streets was purchased and remodeled to meet the needs of the organization. Zorah Temple continued to grow by leaps and bounds and soon outgrew the capacity of the building in 1925 with a membership of 1343.

Plans were started for a new Temple and the buildings on the site of the present Temple were purchased for $35,000. In 1926 construction of the present Temple was started and completed the following year and was officially dedicated in May 1927 by representatives of the Imperial Council. The cost of the Temple and furnishings was approximately $350,000.

ZORAH TEMPLE

FIRST TEMPLE



PRESENT TEMPLE

Zorah-1909-Charter Members

1 Robert G. Watson
2 Richard M, Howe
3 Henry C. Steeg
4 Orville E. Raidy
5 Hugh H. Shirkie
6 Jacob C. Kolsem
7 Will W. Adamson
8 Charles F. Mueller
9 Charles Balch
10 Robert M. H. Britton
11 Elmer Dunkin
12 Jay O. Shultz
13 James K. Allen
14 Charles W. Hoff
15 Fred J. Maurer
16 Charles H. Bolin
17 Alfred G. Cummings
18 George Andrews
19 John G. Heinl
20 Charles E. McKeen
21 Marshall W. Williams
22 A. Dale Houff
23 Herman J. Schaufer
24 A. Nicholas Smith
25 Horace E. Tune
26 Morton T. Hidden
27 William J. Freeman
28 James S. Somes
29 Eugene L. Nagel
30 Presley O. Colliver
31 Ewald E. Reiman
32 Jay H. Keyes
33 Walter C. Ely
34 James M. Dougherty
35 Benjamin G. Hudnut
36 Charles M. Neely
37 Fred A. Staats
38 George A. Gagg
39 David E. Kimbrough
40 John R. Coffin
41 William P. Ijams
42 Harry M. Spang
43 Austin Bulman
44 George E. Farrington
45 Emil Froeb
46 John H. Cheek
47 Amos Johnson
48 William A. Hamilton
49 Edward E. Bitner
50 William T. De Armott
51 Frank Hutchinson
52 Edward Shirkie
53 Aquila A. Washburn
54 J. Frank Balch
55 Guy H. Briggs
56 George L. Hutchinson
57 Harmon K. Morgan
58 Howard T. Harger
59 Ed F. Leever
60 John C. Warren
61 Wilbur O. Jenkins
62 Frederic C. Goldsmith
63 Edmond Routier
64 Charles S. Batt
65 George W. Parker
66 John C. Myer
67 John L. Smith
68 Dirrelle E. Chaney
69 Walter G. Scott
70 C. E. Warren
71 Milton A. Haddon
72 Cuthbert J. Sherman
73 John C. Chaney
74 Will H. Hays
75 Frederic F. Bays
76 Frank B. Carr
77 Arthur H. Zimmerman
78 Eddie D. Thixtun
79 Charles L. Davis
80 Rush Crawford

Zorah-July 17, 1909-First Class

81 William H. Baugh
82 William E. Bensinger
83 John Bray
84 Luther Z. Breaks
85 John Buckley
86 Henry Bugh
87 Louis H. Burgess
88 Marinus Anthony Byl
89 Albert Cook
90 John List Crawford
91 Charles W. Culbertson
92 Ora C. Davis
93 William C. Doak
94 James E. Dorsey
95 Wm. Thomas Douthitt
96 John Ersinger
97 Charles Edward Everet
98 Ralph Cuthbert Everson
99 Hart F. Farwell
100 George Stanbury Flood
101 George C. Foulkes
102 Harry J. Foulkes
103 Herman Froeb
104 John Garrity
105 Ferdinand L. Giebel
106 Frank L. Gilbert
107 Charles H. Goldsmith
108 Henry J. Grube
109 William Felger Hartough
110 Charles Thomas Inman
111 Walker V. Jennings
112 John B. Kerfoot
113 Fred Kemnitzer
114 Omer P. Kerr
115 John Lewis Ketcham
116 Henry Lang
117 Gustavus A. Lyon
118 James McConnell
119 Frank McKeen
120 Frank McKeever
121 John Mainey
122 Jesse A. Miller
123 Daniel W. Mondy
124 Otto P. Newhart
125 Jesse G. Nicholas
126 Albert Lincoln Pfau
127 James E. Piety
128 George Edward Pugh
129 Charles Gilman Reynolds
130 George Howard Richards
131 Frederick J. S. Robinson
132 George C. Rossel, Sr.
133 John Schwerdt
134 Herman Smock
135 Homer L. Stees
136 Joseph Strole
137 Sheldon Swope
138 Thomas A. Thompson
139 Charles Marshall Turner
140 Robert W. Van Valzah
141 Charles Marion Welsh
142 Edward Wm. Whitlock
143 John E. Wires
144 Charles F. Wood
145 William Wurtzebach
146 Julius F. F. Cassell
Nov 10, 1909

Zorah-Dec. 15, 1909-Second Class

147 Webb Ernest Beggs
148 Phillip Best
149 William Thomas Bussell
150 Charles Harrison Cone
151 James H. Crowder
152 Royal R. Dempsey
153 Frank Fenelon Hager
154 David W. Henry
155 Samuel C. Hogue
156 Conrad J. Herber
157 Daniel H. Jones
158 Mark Lester
159 Buena V. Marshall
160 Jacob T. H. Miller
161 Thomas Moyer
162 Albert Hayward Nall
163 Joseph Henry Pote
164 John T. Readhead
165 Isaiah Wilson Richardson
166 Edley Walstine Rogers
167 George A. Schaal
168 William Ehmer Wallick
169 William A. Whitmer
170 Charles F. Shannon
Aff. 12-10-09 Murat
171 John W. Cruft,
Aff. 3-11-10 Murat
172 Hiram P. Radley,
3-16-10
173 David E. Van Houtin,
Aff. 4-1-10 Murat

1959 Zorah

C. L. BARTLEY, JR.
Chief Rabban

DR. JOSEPH C. MINNIS
Illustrious Potentate

R. VERNE HENDERSON
Assistant Rabban

WALLACE H. GROSBACH
High Priest & Prophet

MAXWELL ADOLFS
Oriental Guide

J. ARTHUR BOYER
Treasurer

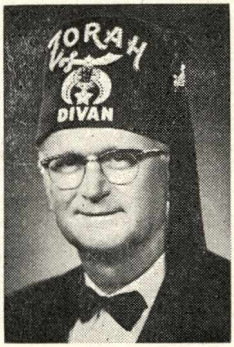
HARRY BRIGGS
Recorder

LEROY A. FRANCIS
1st Ceremonial Master

WILLIAM F. TEARMAN
2nd Ceremonial Master

Temple Divan

WILLIAM UTTERBACK
Marshal



HAROLD H. GIFFEL
Captain of Guard

FRANK FISHER
Outer Guard

ELBERT CANATSEY
Director

AUBREY BOYD
Director Emeritus

EDW. E. BUCKINGHAM
Trustee

GEO. E. MARTIN
Trustee

PAUL C. RUST
Trustee

WM. L. WHITE
Trustee Emeritus

Zorah-Membership

1910

174 Richard Dahlen

175 William E. Evans

176 Joseph Wardon Griffith

177 Merit Lees Laubach

178 Samuel Mass

179 Thomas Taylor McCoy

180 Bert J. Prater

181 Charles C. Scharpenberg

182 John T. Staff, Jr.

183 Worth Buntin Steele

184 Wm. Martin Strobel

185 Felix W. Einder

186 James C. Utter
Aff. 12-9-10 Islam

187 Daniel Fasig

188 Fred G. Heinel

189 William P. Ledbetter

190 John S. Jordan

191 John W. Parks

192 Philip Henry Penna

193 John P. Reisinger

194 George H. Robinson

195 Harrie Chester Smith

196 Harry G. Vickers

1911

197 Theo. F. Gaebler
Aff. 3-10-11 Murat

198 William J. Gaebler
Aff. 3-10-11 Murat

199 John S. McFaddin
Aff. 3-10-11 Murat

200 Dick H. Ott
Aff. 3-10-11 Murat

201 Samuel F. Max Puett
Aff. 3-10-11 Murat

202 Frank H. Nichols
Aff. 3-10-11 Murat

203 Alfred H. Stark
Aff. 3-10-11 Murat

204 Frank E. Strouse
Aff. 3-10-11 Murat

205 Ralph W. Moss

206 William Ira Law

207 Jasper N. Frist

First Uniform Units

The first uniformed unit in the Temple was the Patrol. It was organized in 1910 by Noble Charles Reynolds who served as captain for four years. The first appearance was in Indianapolis in 1914 on the occasion of the homecoming of P. P. Elias J. Jacobi, of Murat Temple, who had been elected Imperial Outer Guard at the Atlanta, Georgia, Session, and performed in the Imperial Council Session, at Indianapolis, in 1919.

In 1911, W. Bert Whitmer, J. Ed Dorsey and C. G. Reynolds undertook the job of organizing a Brass Band. By 1919 the band had increased to 35 members and made their first appearance in the Imperial Council Session at Indianapolis, in 1919. Both the Band and the Patrol attended Imperial Council Sessions in 1920 at Portland, Oregon, 1921 at Des Moines, Iowa, 1922 San Francisco, California, and 1923 at Washington, D. C.

PATROL 1916

Capt. John S. Cox
R. O. Fishback
Fred Heinl
E. W. Miller
Aubrey Boyd
W. S. Norcross
Millard Nehf
Everett Lenhart
Robert Perkins
Omer Rhoads
George Schaal
F. J. Weldele
F. F. Winslow
J. W. Woods
H. H. Worsham
Fred Knight
John Buckley
Julius Lindemann
Burwell Sale
W. Ed. Williams
John F. Smith
James Wallace
Sam Lane
Timothy I. Colwell

BEDOUIN BAND-1916

Dir. W. A. Whitmer
Conrad J. Herber
M. L. Laubach
W. Morwood
Charles G. Reynolds
Wm. M. Offut
George Arrowsmith
James E. Dorsey
George H. Richards
David W. Eggleston
Andrew Kreinberger
John Hammack

Shriners Hospitals For Crippled Children

There is still another phase of the Shrine work which deserves the commendation of all who are interested in helping those who are not able to help themeselves. The freeing of hopeful little souls from physical handicaps and laborious limitations is a challenge that stirs the heart of every Noble of the Mystic Shrine.

Since the first "Temple of Mercy" was opened in 1922, nearly 300,000 children have been admitted to the 17 strategically situated Shriners Hospitals. Last year alone, more than 3,600 little boys and girls were discharged from Shriners Hospitals, either cured or greatly benefited by the expert treatment.

Every Noble is a representative of the Shriners Hospitals and a contributor to the greatest fraternal philanthropy. A part of his dues, or the interest from his investment in a Hospital certificate, has maintained these hospitals for the last 37 years. Shrinedom is one of the first organizations to establish institutions of free admission to crippled children, regardless of race, creed or color, provided their parents are not financially able to provide corrective treatment for them.

Shrinedoms 17 Temples of Mercy are located in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Shreveport, La., Lexington, Ky., Greenville, S. C.; Chicago, Spokane, Wash.; Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.; St. Louis, Portland, Ore.; Salt Lake City, Springfield, Mass. Philadelphia, Winnipeg and Montreal, Canada; Honolulu and Mexico City.

CEREMONIAL PROGRAM

1.00 P.M. Candidates report to Recorders Office

3:00 P.M. Parade

4:00 P.M. First Section

6:00 P.M. Moslem Feast

7:00 P.M. Flag Service and Introductions

8:00 P.M. Second Section by Hornets

9:00 P.M.—Social Hour

Ritualistic Cast

ROY PARKER, P.P.

Director—P.P., Roy Parker

Asst. Director—Lewis W. Leachman

Asst. Director—Earle O. Prater

Stage—William F. Knott

George H. Fagg
Leroy A. Francis
Ralph L. Harrison
Fred S. Short
John D. Council
Howard G. Armstrong
J. Dan Royer

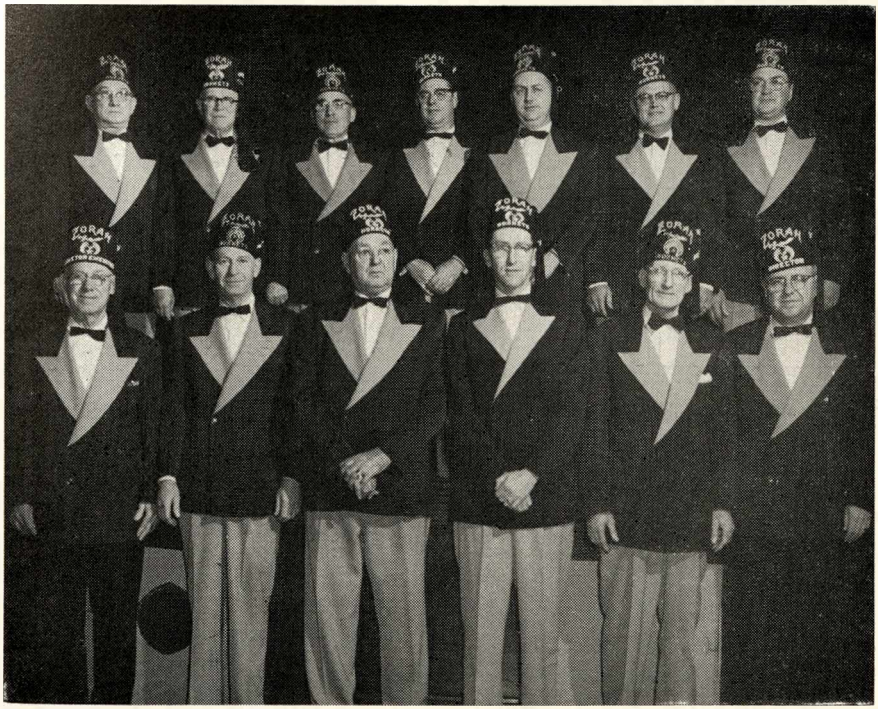
Carl E. Braun
Charles C. Hookey
F. Gordon Belles
C. P. Sousley
Dr. Ray Scofield
Wallace H. Grosbach
Frank Fisher
William Utterback

The above is the picture of Zorah's Shrine's Cast in the Fall Ceremonial of 1958. Reading from left to right is C. P. Sousley, Fred Short, Gordon Belles, George Cary, George Fagg, Wallace Grosbach, Leroy Francis, Ralph Harrison, John Council, Frank Fisher and Wm. Utterback. Some of these members have been in the Cast for 25 years.

HORNETS And DIRECTORS STAFF

Director, Elbert M. Canatsey

Dir. Emeritus, Aubrey Boyd
Wayne Adams
Robert Bielfield
Lyman Boling
Walter Breem
Harry Collier
Harold Giffel
Sam Grafe
Dwight Green
Charles Henricks
Herschel Reynolds
Todd Rockstroh
Clarence Taylor
Richard Tuttle
Herman Vermillion



Front Row—Aubrey Boyd, Director Emeritus, Herman Vermillion, Lyman Boling, Richard Tuttle, Herschel Reynolds, Elbert Canatsey, Director.
Back Row—Harry Collier, *Chester Smith, Wayne Adams, Dwight Green, Todd Rockstroh, Charles Henricks, Walter Breen.

*Deceased

DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS

Director, Maurice Fuqua

Cecil Benjamin
Charles Bosstick
Oscar Brosey
Raymond Brown
Chester A. Burkebyle
Clarence Campbell
Royce Campbell
Charles Chasteen
Warren Collins
Frank Cotton
J. Herbert Davis
John R. Davis
Charles Dill
Charles Donald
Earl Elliott
James Fischer
Robert Fiers
Harley L. Frost
Daniel W. Griffith
Charles A. Guy
John Hawkins
Collett Hill
Ward Holt
Dan Jarodski
Harold Kadel
Paul Klinger
Harry Laurinet
Fred Libbert
Ernest Long
William McMo
Fred Miller
A. H. Moldroski
Howard Morrow
Nimmer Nasser
James Piety
Ralph Roll
John Scamihorn
A. Richard Springer
Robert Stewart
William Sweet
Theodore Strain
William Sheets
Homer Thorne
Floyd Tryon
Leonard Utterback
Russell White
Lee Whitted
Wilbur Wigginton
Elmore Williams
Eugene Woodward

ORIENTAL BAND

Organized in 1935

Director, John Stryker

George Batchelor
Herbert Beasley
Thomas Bennett
James Burk
Mike Buzash
Frank Chapman
Frank Clark
Charles Coordes
William Cox
Albert Curry
Martin Dalrymple
Richard Dennis
Frank W. Fisher
Thomas Harwood
Forrest Ingram
Larry Jewell
Willis Jones
Harry Kohn
Mose Kassis
John McKenzie
Lebert Marlow
Robert Neal
Ralph R. Redman
James Short
Lawrence Simpson
Marshall Sparks
Robert Austin
Paul W. Swander
Marshall Sparks
"Bud" Washburn
William Watson
Robert Waugh

CHANTERS

Organized in 1943

Director, Emil Taflinger

Torrance Anderson
Harold L. Asher
Russell Bay
Cyril Cox
Dolph Cross
William Douglas
Thomas Davies
Hubert C. Fox
Hubert E. Gray
Ernest H. Greiner
Eugene Hartley
Harry Holstein
Harry Katon
Paul D. Lovell
Adam Miller
William Otte
Dave Osterhage
Louis Phipps
N. M. Poling
Oscar Richmond
George Rogers
Eugene Seehuber
Halline Tom
James Wheat

PATROL

Organized in 1910

J. Harry Anthony
Eugene Andrews
Homer Bales
Basil Bennett
James R. Bouillez
Frank Byrum
Elza R. Deal
Walter E. Dillier
Emil Durand
Urmal J. Dwyer
O. M. Goodman
John A. Graam
Ralph Harrison
Perry E. Hughes
Millard F. Huser
Thomas W. Jacques, Sr.
Roy E. Jiles
Thomas J. Jones
Paul Malone
Floyd E. Marley
Robert Martin
Fred Mason
Ernest V. Miller
Robert L. Moore
Fred Newman
Winford W. Niswonger
Charles L. Richardson
W. Earl Richardson
Burton Rossiter
J. Daniel Royer
James R. Sankey
Harold Willis

BRASS BAND

Organized in 1911

Director, Carl F. Kumpf

Sam Andrews
Albert C. Bosshardt
Leon W. Bradbury
Charles L. Brown
Forrest P. Cavanaugh
John R. Collings
Leon Corenflos
Howard Dean
Virgil E. Dean
Charles L. Dressler
Vaughn Daugherty
Virgil W. Griffin
Lowell J. Hoffman
Ernest W. Hayward
Orville Hall
William D. Isaac
Arthur L. Kumpf
Max R. Kumpf
Paul M. Kumpf
Harold M. Malone
John E. Marshino
Robert J. McKinney
William J. Maxwell
Carl Nadzeika
Harley H. Pell, Jr.
O. Art Polson
Ray Parker
John R . Pierce
James W. Ringo
Kenneth W. Redicks
Thomas M. Reid
Franz E. Tomlinson
Wayne E. Simpson
Joseph A. Votik
John R. White
Clarence H. Young